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### Air Cadet League of Canada Ontario Provincial Committee

The *new* OPC website is now operational and we have been getting significant traffic—from the public, supporters and our members. We have also received online donations through the new PayPal system, a first for OPC! We will be updating features & info ongoing! For OPC registered volunteers: continue to register and you will be provided with access to all back-office system of folders/documents and resources, generating your own username & password. If you cannot find certain items, please contact the office for assistance.



Based on agreement with RCSU, the CO's from each Squadron and any Detachment staff will be allowed to register to the site. All DND staff requests for OPC documents should go to the CO!

#### Squadron Recreational Trips

OPC has been informed of the strict adherence to deadlines regarding the receipt of applications by Detachment for squadron recreational trips this spring. Please note the following dates for applications to be received by your local Detachment.

#### Trips outside of Canada:

#### Trips out of Region:

Departing

**Deadline**

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**Deadline**

17 May

02 Feb

17 May

17 Feb

24 May

09 Feb

24 May

24 Feb

31 May

16 Feb

31 May

03 Mar

07 Jun

23 Feb

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10 Mar

14 Jun

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17 Mar

SSC Chairs and squadron CO's should coordinate and confirm all documentation to ensure it is submitted before the deadline!

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## LOTTERY

A reminder that all 2013 Lottery tickets and books – and payment for all books – are due at the OPC Office NLT Thursday, March 28, 2013, the day prior to Good Friday and the Easter weekend. Tickets en route will be accepted without penalty until close of business on Tuesday, April 2.

If you have already sold your tickets, or will do so in advance of the deadline, we would certainly appreciate receiving them ASAP, since there is a considerable amount of work required to process returns and get the tickets logged, separated and into the drum for April 19!

If any Squadrons are interested in a few last-minute Bonus Books (\$35 share to the Squadron), we have 75 books available and can courier them (no charge) out to you!

Questions about tickets and returns should be directed to David Brown ([david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca](mailto:david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca) or option 5 at either the general or toll-free numbers)

## FUND DEVELOPMENT/FUND RAISING


Happy New year to All! It is off to a great start! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Fund Development Manager here at the OPC. My name is *Vince McGovern* and I look forward to engaging with you all in the very near future. The Air Cadet program is an awesome opportunity for today's youth and I fully support it as I have four children of which three are currently cadet active and one who was involved. I myself was a cadet, back in the day, so I fully support the ideals of this great organization and I can certainly attest to the many benefits cadets brings to your life and career.

Onwards and Upwards! **What will I be doing to support your efforts you might ask?** Fund Development occurs at all levels of this organization nationally, provincially, regionally and locally. My efforts will be concentrated in the last three areas. We will be focused on the Trillium Grant process and various other Grants, Nevada, Corporate Sponsorship and Support, OPC Lottery, Sumac (our new non-profit contact management software), Alumni, Donors, Special Events, Website / Social Media, Online Merchandising, Corporate Discount Programs etc... the list is truly endless. **How will we achieve results?** We will re-brand the OPC and prepare new marketing and sponsorship materials, use direct mail campaigns, utilize our website and social media to get the opportunities out there, monthly newsletters and news flashes, e-blasts and this list is endless also. These results are easily measured simply by watching your funding streams improve therefore allowing many more improved activities/ opportunities for cadets!

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Given the challenges youth have today and the rash of recent violence in the news, the cadet program is a perfect alternative as a go-to opportunity for kids to participate in. To that end, my motto: There is no “I” in TEAM! We are all working to achieve one common goal! I challenge all of our volunteers to please contact me directly with your ideas, comments and suggestions. No idea is poor, no comment will go unheard. Tell me your story, what works and what doesn’t. Our volunteers make up this organization so your feedback will be acknowledged. Help me to Help you improve fundraising at your level!

Moving forward lets watch and see the results roll in.....due to recent Nevada Webinars and subsequent follow-ups, interest is already booming in this area! Get on board quick! Let’s work together for our cadets!

Humbly submitted by your faithful servant,

*Vince McGovern*

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## HONOURS & AWARDS

### ***Air Cadet League Volunteer Long Service Medal***

The Air Cadet League of Canada Volunteer Long Service Medal is available to individuals who have provided ten years or more of service to the Air Cadet League. This service can be at the local level (Squadron Sponsoring Committee), Provincial level, National level or any combination of the three. The 10 years of volunteer service do not have to be consecutive or with the same Squadron / Provincial Committee.

Silver or gold bars are awarded for each additional 10 year period of service.

Although the OPC Honours & Awards Committee is currently able to track the eligibility of Provincial level members, we rely on Squadron Directors or Chairs to make us aware of SSC members who become eligible. A data form is available from the Office for completion and submission to the OPC Office. Upon approval, medals, bars, and accompanying certificates can be sent to the Squadron for presentation locally, or presented at a Provincial meeting such as the Annual Conference.

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The data form is not yet on the web site, but can be obtained from the Committee staff liaison David Brown ([david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca](mailto:david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca)). Questions regarding eligibility, presentation, and mounting can be directed to David as well.

## ***Air Cadet Service Medals***

### **Delivery via CANPAR**

The quickest and easiest means for the OPC Office to fulfill your Squadron's request for Air Cadet Service Medals is via CANPAR courier. Orders are usually sent out the same day they are received, or the following day. There is no charge for the Medals, but a flat \$10 fee is levied for shipping and handling.

To send them via CANPAR, we require:

1. An address that is NOT a PO Box.
2. An email address (so you know it's en route).
3. A daytime telephone number (in case the courier is lost).
4. Also, let us know if you want a "No Signature Required" delivery (the courier will leave the package whether you are home or not).

### **Use the Provincial Order form...**

Please DO NOT use the order form "For Serving Cadets" from the National web site. There is an OPC Order Form on the Provincial web site, member section: *Member Log-in > Files > Honours & Awards > Air Cadet Service Medal – Serving Cadets*. Each OPC form can list four Cadets and, unlike the National Form, we do not require their contact information. Both the CO and SSC Chair – or their designate – must sign the form. If you are not yet registered on the new OPC web site, just contact your PDO and they will email you a copy.

Orders can be submitted via Canada Post, courier, fax (416.635.2789) or email ([david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca](mailto:david.brown@aircadetleague.on.ca)). If you have any questions regarding eligibility, or Medals for retired Cadets, please contact David Brown, who is 'option 5' at either the general or toll-free number.

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## NATIONAL COURSES

Another season for processing National Course and IACE applications has come and gone...

**691** cadets submitted a total of **837** applications for the 2013 summer training season. With 39 National Course interview boards and 6 IACE interview boards arranged across the province, February was a busy time indeed!

Thank you to the volunteers who reviewed the applications files, scored the narratives and education marks-you made the process go smoothly this year!

Thanks also to the interview board coordinators and their teams. Your assistance and knowledge of the squadrons in your areas was greatly appreciated.

Good Luck to all the cadets who participated in the National Course and IACE interview and selection process this year!

## TAGGING

As we approach the next season of tagging, please be sure to complete the ***Coordination of Squadron Tagging Dates*** form found on our website: *member log-in> files> forms*. A copy should be sent to your Detachment **and** your PDO at the OPC office.

## EFFECTIVE SPEAKING & DEBATING

Preparations are well under way for the 2013 Effective Speaking Zone Competitions...in fact some have taken place already! A reminder that all the necessary forms are available on the website: *member log-in>files>cadets programs>effectives speaking* including the Registration form for those cadets who are moving on to the Provincial Competition.

The Provincial Debating Program is also gearing up for another exciting competition this year! With teams preparing for this challenging event, please make sure to follow the link found on our website for more information. The list of rules can also be found on our website: *member log-in>files>cadet programs>debating*

Mark your calendars...**April 27<sup>th</sup>** *Provincial Effective Speaking Competition* & **April 28<sup>th</sup>** *Provincial Debating Competition* to be held at Mohawk College. An e-blast was recently sent with details regarding timings and accommodations. The flyer is also attached for your information.

# Effective Speaking and Debating Competition

**Hamilton - April 27-28, 2013**



## To Book Accommodation:

Accommodation has been arranged at Mohawk College. Rates are \$79.95/night for single or double, \$84.95/night for triple, and \$89.95/night for quadruple occupancy.

Reservations can be made directly through: 1-877-225-8664 or 905-385-3200  
**Group Name: Air Cadet League of Canada**

**All Competitions  
Take Place At:**

**MOHAWK COLLEGE  
Innovation Centre**

245 Fennell Ave. W., Hamilton  
Mohawk Residence & Conf. Ctre.

## Saturday April 27 - *Effective Speaking*

*Cadet Registration For Effective Speaking at 1230 hrs*

*Beginning at 1300 hrs*

- Provincial Effective Speaking Competition Starts

*Effective Speaking Championship and Awards Ceremony (1630 hrs)*

## Sunday April 28 - *Debating*

**0900 hrs**

- Coffee and pastries available
- Briefing for Cadets & Escorts
- Briefing for Judges & Officials

**1000 hrs—Debating Competition Begins**

- Cadet Workshop Begins

**1000 hrs**

- First Round of Debates

**1045 hrs**

- Second Round of Debates

**1045 hrs**

- Second Round of Debates

**1130 hrs**

Lunch (**Registration Required**)

**1245 hrs**

- Third Round of Debates

**1330 hrs**

- Fourth Round of Debates

**1415-1500**

**Championship Debate & Awards Ceremony**

Any Question can be directed to the OPC Office:

1-800-513-0952

[www.aircadetleague.on.ca](http://www.aircadetleague.on.ca)

416-635-4411

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